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WATER ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

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Water Quality Protection
Surface Water Management
Wastewater Collection & Treatment

November 12, 2026 BCC Agenda Item: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services
Clackamas County

Approval of a grant award from the State of Oregon, by and through the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) for FEMA-4907-DR-OR Infrastructure for the 2025 December Winter Storms and prior acceptance on behalf of Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES). Total damage to WES infrastructure is approximately $3.2 million. 75% of funding (approximately $2.4 million) is through the State of Oregon OEM and FEMA with 25% WES matching funds (approximately $800 thousand) from the WES Sanitary Sewer Funds. No County General Funds are involved.

Previous Board Action/Review: On November 5, 2026, the Board approved this grant award and authorized acceptance on behalf of the County. This item is being presented to obtain specific approval of the portion of the funding related to Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES).
Performance Clackamas: 1. This project supports WES' strategic plan to upgrade WES' infrastructure to ensure the sustainable delivery of reliable, high-quality, and climate-resilient clean water services that support the growth and vitality of our communities, natural environment, and economy.
2. This project supports the County's Strategic Priorities of Strong Infrastructure, Vibrant Economy, and Safe, Secure and Livable Communities.
Counsel Review: Yes **Procurement Review:** N/A
Contact Person: Ron Wierenga **Contact Phone:** 503-742-4581

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: In December 2025, Clackamas County experienced a winter storm that caused significant damage from the high winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides. The event was subsequently declared a federal disaster on April 7, 2026, under the authority of Presidential Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4907-DR-OR.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM), has offered disaster recovery funding to reimburse for eligible costs for the restoration of facilities damaged from December 15, 2025, through December 21, 2025. On behalf of the County, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement for these funds with FEMA/OEM on November 5, 2026. While the agreement is between OEM and the County, it includes reimbursement for WES as a component unit of the County. WES is eligible to receive FEMA funding up to 75 percent of eligible costs, with WES required to cover the remaining 25 percent as matching funds.

This item provides the opportunity for the WES Board to specifically approve the WES portion of funding under this agreement. The agreement is an open-ended award amount, and the value will be determined by FEMA through OEM. Based on expenditures to date, WES anticipates the total grant eligible costs related to WES projects to be approximately $3.2 million dollars.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services, approve WES' portion of funding related to the County's grant agreement with OEM for FEMA-4907-DR-OR.

Respectfully submitted,

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